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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 2-4, 6-10, 12, 14 and 15 have been objected to. Claims 1, 5, 11, 13 and 16 have been rejected.

Double Patenting Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 5, 11, 13 and 16 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 8, 15 and 22 of US Patent 6,603,823.

Applicants hereby provides a terminal disclaimer, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the double patenting rejections. Claims 1, 5, 11, 13 and 16 having no other rejections should now be in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that independent claims 1, 5, 11, 13 and 16 are now patentable.

In the Office Action, Examiner stated that claims 2-4, 6-10, 12, 14 and 15 would be allowable if they were rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base

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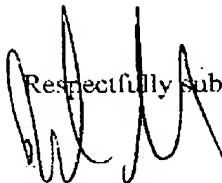
claims and any intervening claims. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-4, 6-10, 12, 14 and 15 depend from, directly or indirectly, claims 1, 5, 11, 13 and 16 and therefore include all the limitations of those claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that claims 2-4, 6-10, 12, 14 and 15 are likewise allowable and, therefore, patentable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to claims 2-4, 6-10, 12, 14 and 15.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of these Remarks, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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